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In re Application of

PLESS, *et al.*

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR ABLATING TISSUE

Examiner: M. PEFFLEY

Art Unit: 3739

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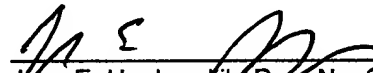
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The undersigned is an attorney of record.

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